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SUBJECT: CCINC CUSTOMS TRAINING

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1. WHILE SOME SECTORS OF WESTERN EUROPEAN OPINION APPEAR OF LATE TO BE EXHIBITING INCREASED CONCERN OVER DUTCH NARCOTICS SITUATION, WE DETECT LITTLE EVIDENCE OF HIEGHTENED INTEREST IN OFFICIAL DUTCH CIRCLES, WITH PERHAPS ONE NOTABLE EXCEPTION (JUSTIC MINISTER, WHO APPEARS INCREASINGLY UNEASY WITH PROPOSITION THAT MARIHUANA AND HASH ARE NOT ALL THAT HARMFUL).

2. DUTCH CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH WHOM EMBASSY ELEMENTS HAVE CONTACT ARE RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF CCINC TRAINING. HOWEVER, THEIR SUPERIORS IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE, WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF TRAINING FOR CUSTOMS SERVICE, APPEAR FIRST OF ALL LACKING IN UNDERSTANDING OVER DRUG ISSUE, BUT - MORE IMPORTANT - APATHETIC ABOUT WHOLE SUBJECT. WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT RE-TARGETING ON THIS GROUP AS SUGGESTED PARA THREE REFTEL WILL YIELD ANY USEFUL RESULTS UNLESS WE FIRST OBTAIN UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATIVE ASSURANCE AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL.

3. TO THIS END WE ARE PLANNING AN APPROACH TO STATE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE VAN ROOIJEN.

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4. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT, US CUSTOMS INFORMED.

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